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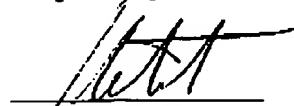
REMARKS

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview granted on November 14, 2006, during which the supplemental election/restriction requirement was discussed.

The Examiner has subjected this application to restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has formed two groups of claims: Group I, incorporating claims 1-18, drawn to a stable agricultural solids suspension readily dispersible in water, and Group II, incorporating claims 21-23 and 25-38, drawn to a water soluble, stable agricultural solids suspension readily dispersible in water. The Examiner has asserted that these groups of claims represent distinct inventions and may properly be restricted. Applicants hereby elect claim Group I directed to claims 1-18 for examination. Per the paper mailed October 3, 2005, independent claims 1 and 10 have already been indicated as allowable because the prior art does not teach or suggest the instant invention comprising methylthio- $\alpha$ -hydroxybutyric acid. It is anticipated that the selection of claim Group I will result in the expeditious issuance of a Notice of Allowance for said claims.

In addition, claims 21-23 and 25-38 are hereby canceled and the Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for these claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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